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# STUDENT FINANCE



## How your child applies and gets paid 2016/17

Your child should apply for student finance as soon as the application service opens to make sure they have their money in time for the start of their course.

■ **What your child needs to do** ■ **What you need to do** ■ **What we do**

The quickest and easiest way to apply for student finance is online at **www.studentfinancewales.co.uk**. Your child should apply as soon as the application service opens. They don't need to have a confirmed place at university or college. They can apply using their preferred choice of course and simply change the details online later if they need to. Make sure they print, sign and return their declaration form.

If your child is applying for financial support that depends on your household income, you'll also need to register at **www.studentfinancewales.co.uk** and complete part of the application. If you have given us details before, you should use the same Customer Reference Number.

We'll confirm the financial information you've given us with HM Revenue and Customs and may contact you to send us evidence or further information to support what you've told us.

Once the completed application is submitted, along with any evidence we need, we'll assess how much your child can get and send them a Student Finance Entitlement letter.

They take the Student Finance Entitlement letter to their university or college when they register. Once their university or college tells us they've registered, we'll pay their Welsh Government Learning Grant and/or Maintenance Loan into your child's bank account in three instalments, one at the start of each term. We pay the Tuition Fee Loan and Fee Grant direct to their university or college.

Student Finance Wales is a service provided by the Student Loans Company. We provide financial support on behalf of the Welsh Government to students from Wales entering higher education in the UK.



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